Kalchadi Road work—particulars regarding.

237. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the estimate for opening up of the Kalchadi road has been prepared;

(2) if so, whether tenders have been called for and the work has been taken in hand;

(3) what the sanctioned allotment for the work is;

(4) whether the work will be commenced this year; if not, why not?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—

(1) The estimate is under preparation. The acquisition proceedings are in progress.

(2) No answer is required in view of the above.

(3) The allotment for the work this year is Rs. 4,000.

(4) The work proper can be started next year after the sites are got possession of.

Road Board works—progress of.

238. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the allotment made to the Road Board this year;

(b) the amount spent out of the alloted amount;

(c) has the Government started all the works recommended by the Board for this year; if so, how far each work has progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—

(a) Rs. 1,25,000.

(b) Rs. 95,681—13—8.

(c) A statement showing the required particulars is appended. *(Appendix I.)*

Honorary visitors—Chalakkudi Hospital.

239. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) who are the honorary visitors to the Chalakkudi Hospital at present;

(b) how many visits they have paid to the hospital during the first 11 months of 1112?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—

(a) 1. Kerala Varma, 40th Thampuran of Cochin.
2. M. R. Ry. P. Kochu Kunjunny Achan Avl.
3. ,, R. Venkitachala Ayyar Avl., B. A.
4. Mr. E. C. King, Tramway Engineer.
5. Mrs. E. C. King.

(b) One.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Is there any objection in appointing two or three local people as Honorary visitors?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—From past experience it has been found useless.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi.)*—Is there any number fixed?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer)*—We usually appoint 4 or 5.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—What is the objection in appointing two or three local people.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—There is no necessity at all.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—I see from the answer that they have only paid one visit. Many of them are busy people and I think it will be an advantage to appoint two or three local people, for example Panchayat Members.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—When they absent continuously we remove them. In the instant case there has been some change in the Medical Officers.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—What harm is there in appointing two or three more?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—There are several things which can be done without any harm. At present there are five persons.

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Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—With reference to (b) is it joint visit or individual visit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Every quarter they are requested to come.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—A few out of these visitors have visited once?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Yes.

Extra Hospital hours—emergent surgical aid—arrangements for.

240. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** (*Kattur*).—Will the Government state what arrangements have been made for giving emergent surgical aid to patients during extra hospital hours, in Hospitals under Civil Surgeons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—There are duty Medical Officers as well as resident Medical Officers to attend to emergent cases during extra hospital hours.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Am I to take it that the present arrangement is quite enough?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Quite enough.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—Does the Chief Medical Officer come under any of these categories?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—No. Nor the Civil surgeons.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—I mean the Civil surgeons.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—If the case is a serious one the duty medical officer always sends for the Civil Surgeon.

Better Co-operative Societies—starting of.

241. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of better Living Societies registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and working successfully in the Punjab;

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